

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification.

New claims 22-39 are in this application. Claims 1-21 have been canceled. Cancellation of claims 1-21 should not be construed as an agreement by Applicants with the Examiner's arguments. Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of these rejected claims in a Continuation Application.

In the Office Action the Examiner objected to the specification and suggested guidelines for the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. The specification has been amended herein and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 7, 13-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, claims 1-17, 19, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and claims 1-6, 8, 17, and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a). As previously mentioned, claims 1-21 have been canceled.

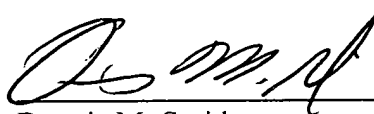
Claims 9-12 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As previously mentioned, claims 9-12 have been canceled.

New claims 22-39 are believed to be distinguishable over the prior art as applied
by the Examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,
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